

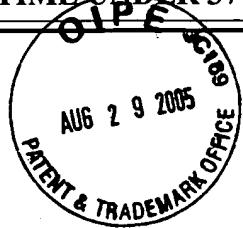
COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)					Docket No. Army104
In Re Application Of: van Hamont et al.					
Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/478,822	1/6/00	S. Wang	000041022	1617	2214
Invention: EXTRACTION PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PLGA MICROSPHERES					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>April 29, 2005</u> in the above-identified application.					
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from: <u>July 29, 2005</u> <i>Date</i>			until: <u>August 29, 2005</u> <i>Date</i>		
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TOTAL CLAIMS	27 -	27 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	5 =	0	x \$88.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$120.00
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

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 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
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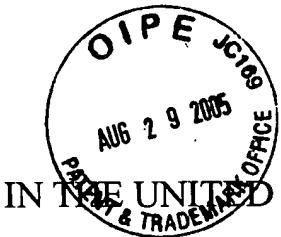
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s) Van Hamont, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/478,822 (U.S. Patent No. 5,705,197) Group Art Unit: 1617
Issued January 1, 1998

Reissue Filed: January 6, 2000

Examiner: S. Wang

Title: EXTRACTION PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PLGA MICROSPHERES

Date: August 25, 2005

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2005, we provide the following response.

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 11-27 under 35 U.S.C. §251 as Being Based Upon New Matter

In the April 29, 2005 Office Action, claims 11-27 are rejected as being based upon new matter added to the patent for which reissue is sought. Specifically, the Examiner is objecting to the following terms and phrases: (1) anhydrous process; (2) biodegradable polymer; (3) first organic solvent; (4) second non-polar organic solvent suitable to extract residual first organic solvent; and (5) biologically active material-stabilizer matrix. The Examiner has stated that this application as originally filed fails to provide sufficient written description to support those concepts recited in the claims.